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TAGS: ESTC COCOM UK NL AU EI UR
SUBJ: US ORIGIN COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO USSR

REF: STATE 301124, AND PREVIOUS

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE MISSING CASE (PARA 1B
VIENNA 10090) HAS BEEN LOCATED BY AER LINGUS AT SHANNON
DUTY FREE AIRPORT. THERE IS PROBABLY NO WAY THAT GOI
CAN LEGALLY HOLD THIS SHIPMENT IF INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN
TO TRANSSHIP, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT GOI CUSTOMS
WILL GIVE "POLITE BUT VERY THOROUGH" SCRUTINY TO THE
DOCUMENTATION FOR ANY SIGN OF IRREGULARITY.

2. THE EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH
MR MCVEY AS PER PARA 2 OF STATE 301124.

3. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE THE DEPARTMENT TO BE AWARE
OF THE COOPERATION THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN THE
EMBASSY BY GOI IN THIS MATTER. THE GOI, THOUGH
NOT A MEMBER OF COCOM, DOES FOLLOW COCOM RULES
VOLUNTARILY WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE GENESIS OF
THIS "VOLUNTARY ACCESSION" WAS AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
IN WASHINGTON IN 1950-1951 AFTER THE USG HAD BROUGHT
PRESSURE TO BEAR ON AN UNSPECIFIED GROUP OF NEUTRAL
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COUNTRIES WHOSE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION WAS SUCH THAT

THEY WOULD BE LOGICAL DIVERSION ROUTES FOR
STRATEGICALLY CONTROLLED GOODS, THUS THWARTING
EXPORT CONTROL EFFORTS.

4. ON FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10, GOI CONVENED AN
INTERAGENCY MEETING TO STUDY WHAT APPEARED TO BE A
"LOOPHOLE" IN IRISH LEGISLATION, I.E., GOODS THAT
WOULD NORMALLY BE SUBJECTED TO EXPORT CONTROL
REGULATIONS IF LANDED IN IRELAND COULD AVOID SUCH
REGULATIONS BY GOING IN TRANSIT ONLY THROUGH THE
SHANNON FREE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AREA. THIS GROUP
IS MEETING AGAIN TODAY TO CONSIDER FURTHER WHAT CAN
BE DONE. FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD HAS BEEN INFORMED
AND HE HAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT GOI
SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID THE SITUATION WHERE
IRELAND BECOMES A DIVERSION POINT FOR CONTROLLED GOODS.
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